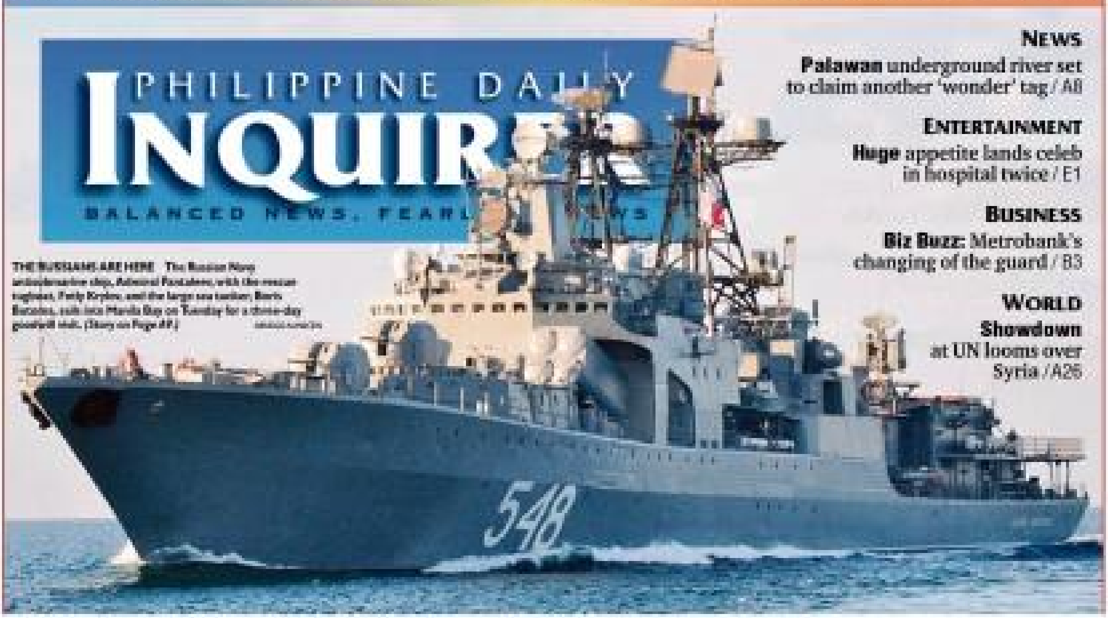
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE The Russian Navy antisubmarine ship, Admiral Panteleev, with the rescue tugboat, Fotiy Krylov, and the large sea tanker, Boris Butoma, sails into Manila Bay on Tuesday for a three-day goodwill visit. (Story on Page A7.)

'No special discount for CJ'

Megaworld: Typhoon, finance crisis reduced condo cost

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

A TYPHOON, coupled with the impact of a global financial crisis, allowed Chief Justice Renato Corona to acquire a 303.5-square-meter penthouse condominium unit at The Fort in Taguig City in 2009 at a "reduced price."

A key prosecution witness called on Day 9 of Corona's impeachment trial to show that the Chief Justice got a hefty P18-million "discount" because of cases pending in his court in the purchase of the unit at the Bellagio ended up giving testimony in favor of the defense.

Noli Hernandez, Megaworld Corporation's senior vice president for marketing and sales, told senator-judges that Corona received only a regular 15-percent discount, which would have also been given to any other buyer at the time of the purchase.

In his testimony, Hernandez said Megaworld took some P5

MEGAWORLD/A18

Allegations baseless, malicious, says Megaworld / A18



SILENCE OF THE SAGE Lead defense lawyer Serafin Cuevas seems to be lost in thought before the trial on Tuesday.



THE BARGAIN HUNTER Political adviser Ronald Llamas confers with the President in Malacañang in this file photo.

Why Cuevas 'forced' to deny PDI story

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

RETIRED Supreme Court Associate Justice Serafin Cuevas was forced to deny an Inquirer report regarding his claim that a Malacañang emissary had asked him to withdraw as lead defense lawyer for Chief Justice Renato Corona after "a dressing down" from an Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) official.

An INC insider said leaders of the religious group were shocked upon reading the newspaper story in which Cuevas said that an emissary whom he described as a "Malacañang tak-tak boy" had approached him to ask that he quit as chief defense counsel in Corona's impeachment trial.

But what pained the INC hierarchy, the source said, was Cuevas' disclosure that the move to get him to withdraw was tied up with the case of ousted National Bureau of Investigation Director Magtanggol Gatdula.

Cuevas said the Malacañang emissary had told him Gatdula would be spared of any criminal charge if Cuevas quit the Corona defense team.

Both Cuevas and Gatdula are

WHY CUEVAS/A19

Abad: No conflict between P-Noy, INC / A19



Llamas sorry, says he forgets 'I'm no longer a regular guy'

By Christine O. Avendaño and Jeannette I. Andrade

EVEN with a Cabinet rank and the privilege of being in the President's inner circle, Ronald Llamas claims he still forgets that he's "no longer a regular guy."

The presidential adviser on political affairs admitted this much in an interview on Monday, after issuing a formal apology to Malacañang over an Inquirer eyewitness report that spotted him buying pirated DVDs in a Quezon City mall last week.

The episode once again put Llamas on the spot, three months after he was forced to explain why he was keeping several firearms, including a semiautomatic assault rifle which was inadvertently exposed in public after two of his bodyguards figured in a road accident while Llamas was abroad.

But Llamas need not fear plans

LLAMAS/A19



3 HEADS BETTER THAN ONE Senator-judges Franklin Drilon and Joker Arroyo and Jinggoy Estrada huddle on trial's Day 9.

Senators want to cut impeach trial to 3 hrs

By TJ Burgonio

THE RELATIVELY long hours of the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona could be taking their toll on some of the Senate's most senior members.

Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday proposed on the floor that the court trim the duration of the trial from four hours to three hours. Most of the senators, including Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, were agreeable to the proposal.

In the end, however, the

SENATORS/A11

Miriam soothing over attacks: I'm staying / A19

DFA: Faster release of passports; no fee hike

By Jerry E. Esplanada

GOOD NEWS for those who want to renew or get a Philippine passport for the first time.

There will be a freeze on passport processing fees this year, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez yesterday said "there are no formal moves to increase passport costs."

The agency's Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) is "not planning any increase in passport

DFA FASTER/A11

The last time she saw Dad Iggy

By Cathy S. Babao Guballa
Lifestyle Columnist

THE LAST image Alelu Arroyo has of her dad, the late Negros Occ. Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo, is one where he was like a child with not a care in the world.

"We were together at the birthday party of Diggy Kayo Dato's son, and dad climbed into the inflatable with the other kids. He was so happy and active," recalled Alelu, the 14-year-old only child of the lawmaker and his estranged wife, Alicia Morales

THE LAST/A13

Speaker: No need for special polls to replace Iggy / A13



DAD AND ME Alelu with her father at the observation deck of the Grand Canyon in the United States. I really miss him.

Second FrontPage

'Luisita buying time for miracle'

Farmers urge SC to reject hacienda plea

SAYING the management of Hacienda Luisita was trying to buy time pending the possible impeachment of Chief Justice Renato Corona, a farmers' union asked the Supreme Court to reject management's appeal to overturn a high court ruling to redistribute the huge sugar plantation to farmers.

Hunger numbers: Palace sees poll as glass half-full

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Fugitive Legacy partner arrested

By Dario L. Lucas

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Alert level up in Iraq, down in Yemen—DFA

Mancao on way out of witness program

Annabelle R. Luz; 71

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BLUNTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Calamities slowed PH economy, says Palace exec

Marquez told: Don't hide behind Charter

Not a game



Another justice sues journalist for libel over book on SC

JOURNALIST Marites Vitug who earlier wrote an article questioning the academic credentials of Chief Justice Renato Corona, is facing a libel complaint from another Supreme Court justice.

Associate Justice Presbitero Velasco Jr. sued Vitug for libel at the Manila Regional Trial Court, alleging that she made "false, malicious and [illegible] insinuations" against him in her book "Shadow of Doubt." [illegible]

WETLANDS WONDER

Underground river eyes new tag

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Kristine L. Alave

MORE good things appear to be in store for one of the newest wonders of nature, the Puerto Princesa Underground River (PPUR).

Environment Secretary Ramon Paje said the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was set to nominate the PPUR as a "Wetland of International Importance" at the Ramsar convention in Switzerland.



MOUTH OF UNDERGROUND RIVER (file)

The Ramsar Convention is a treaty representing the commitments of member countries to preserve the ecological character of wetlands in their respective territories.

The nomination of the PPUR will highlight this year's celebration of World Wetlands Day in the Philippines, Paje said.

"February 2 is World Wetlands Day. We are going to mark this year's celebration with the submission of PPUR's nomination as a Ramsar site or wetlands of international importance," he said.

If approved, the PPUR will be the fifth protected area in the country proclaimed a Ramsar site.

The other Ramsar sites are Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary in Cebu, declared in 1994; Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park, also in Palawan; Naujan Lake National Park in Mindoro Oriental, and Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary in Agusan del Sur, all of which were declared in 1999.

"The PPUR is not only a wonder of nature, it is a declared geological monument and this year we will nominate it to the Ramsar Convention as one of the most important wetlands in our country," said Environment Undersecretary Demetrio Ignacio.

At Monday's ceremony officially declaring the PPUR as one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, Ignacio said the DENR was working with Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn in pushing for the underground river's nomination as a Ramsar site.

"I think we will get the nomination because it has also been declared one of the seven wonders of nature," said Ignacio in an interview with the Inquirer on the sidelines of the recognition rites hosted by the Department of Tourism.

The Puerto Princesa government issued Resolution No. 427-2011 on Dec. 22 recommending to the PAWB the PPUR's nomination to the Ramsar Convention because of its importance as a biodiversity conservation area. The 8.2-kilometer underground river features a spectacular limestone or karst landscape and is known for its complex cave system.

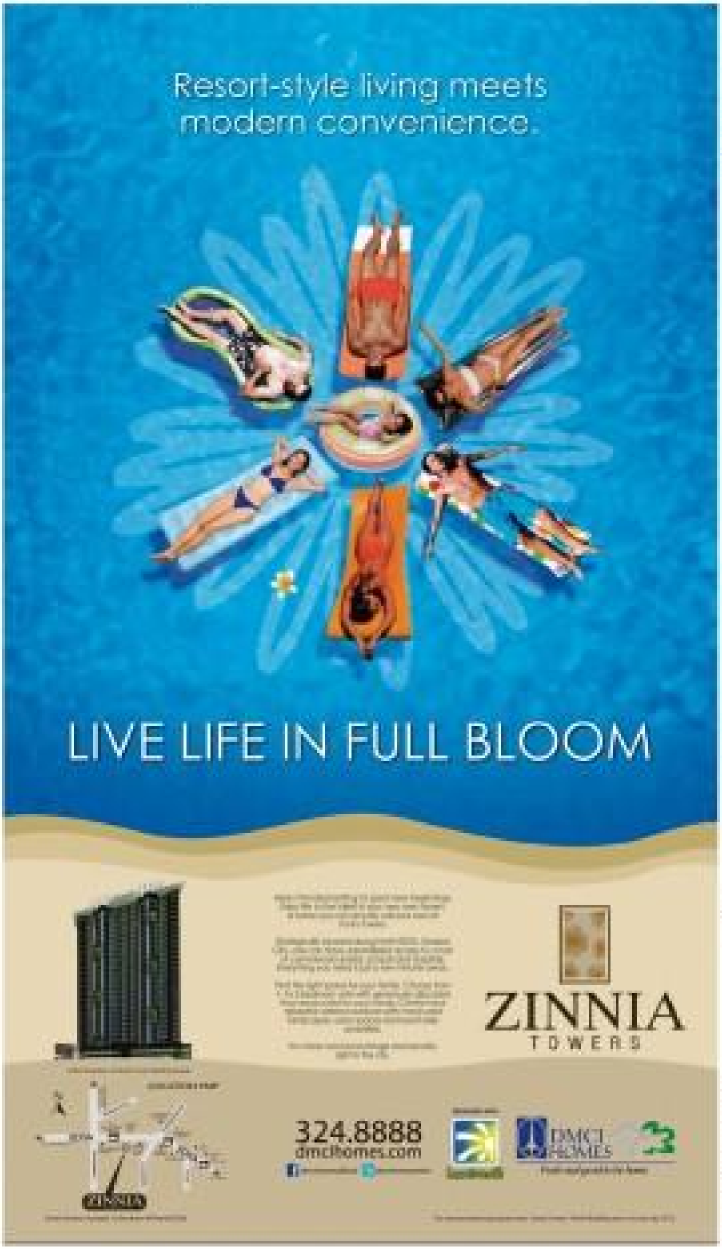
In recognition of its globally significant natural properties, the PPUR had also been placed on the List of Natural World Heritage Sites of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

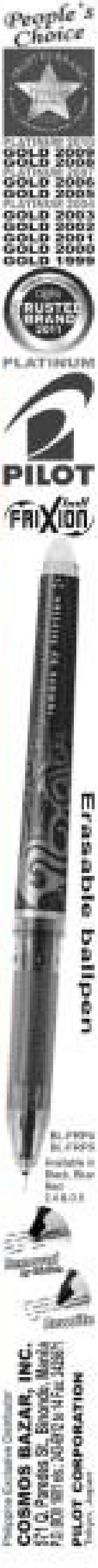
The naming of the underground river as one of the seven new wonders of nature has led to an influx of tourists in Palawan. The DENR said tourist arrivals in the province soared from 178,000 in 2010 to 250,000 in 2011.

Gatdula wins TRO extension

3 Russian ships here







Corona defense to present 29 witnesses

By Marlon Ramos

Allegations baseless, malicious, says Megaworld

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Megaworld vs Tanseco

Megaworld: CJ got reduced price, not special discount, for condo



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Prosecution scolded

Discount normal

1 win, 2 losses

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Sotto's discretion

Prosecution eyes Coronas' bank records

By Cynthia D. Balana

Paid 'almost in full'

'Pattern of deceit'

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Across the NATION

50 tons of tilapia lost to 2nd fishkill in South Cotabato town

Governor sued on black sand mining

VILLAGE officials and residents of Lingayen, Pangasinan, have filed a criminal complaint at the Office of the Ombudsman against provincial officials, led by Gov. Amado Espino Jr., for allegedly allowing illegal black sand mining in the province.



Slide in town near Boracay strands thousands

2 Zambales special poll bets warned on posters

Kenyan 'drug mule' convicted, draws life term

Protests vs Subic coal plant continue

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Northern Luzon

CONFLICT CASE

John Hay takeover gets extended TRO

Lawyers' absence

Armed guards



Cruise chance to see city beyond 'bangus'

HOMETOWN Snapshot

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MARYKNOLL CENTENNIAL

100 years of making God's love visible

A HISTORICAL accident happened in Baguio City which a Maryknoll nun describes as part of "how God works."

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Schools, hospitals

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Shift

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Understanding Chinese New Year thru prints

WHAT better way for Filipinos to understand the Chinese New Year tradition than through the visual arts?

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LIN YU-HSIN'S "With the Pig Comes Happiness."

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Speaker: No need for special polls to replace Iggy

Opinion divided





The last time she saw Dad Iggy

No communication

'We couldn't reach him'

'He might have woken up'

'A lot of anger'

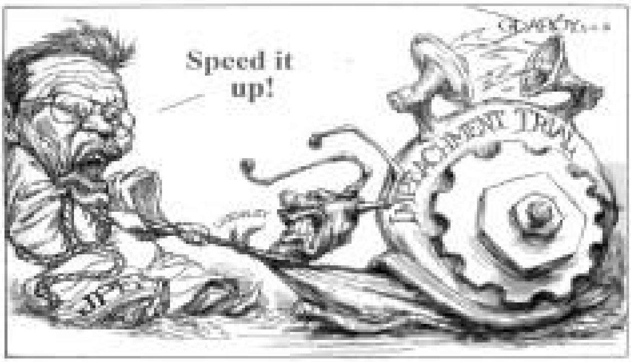
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Llamas sorry, says he forgets 'I'm no longer a regular guy'

DFA: Faster release of passports; no fee hike



PASSPORT applicants fall in line at the consular office along Macapagal Boulevard in Parañaque City.

SPORTS

Road Warriors cruise to finals

NLEX pulls plug on S. Chargers



Chot could be the next Smart Gilas five coach

All set for 'Blue vs Green' Dream Game



Lizardo heads jins seeking nat'l berths

ICTSI Philippine Open lures crack foreign field



Nat'l age group triathlon Sunday

Tiu launches title-retention bid in style







PFF sacks former U-23 Azkals skipper

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ABL: PH Patriots, Beermen face separate foes

By Jasmine W. Payo

Griffin adds spice to Clips' victory



Black going for Ateneo 'five-peat'

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Ex-town mayor gets 6-9 years for graft



PRICKLY PLANTS
Cactuses of all shapes and sizes go up for sale at the Quezon Memorial Circle where more than 300 types of plants and flowers are on display as part of an ongoing horticulture exhibit.

Court also bars Cuerpo, 2 other officials from holding public office

By Leila B. Salaverria

FORMER Rodriguez town Mayor Pedro Cuerpo and two other local officials in Rizal province were sentenced yesterday to serve between six and nine years in prison after the Sandiganbayan found them guilty of violating the antigraft law over the hasty demolition of temporary shelters put up by some residents on their own property in 2003.

Group seeks 1M signatures vs reclamation project

GROUPS opposing a planned reclamation project in front of Metro Manila's last ecological reserve have launched a campaign collecting one million signatures to persuade the government to change their mind about building a business center and a highway in the area.



SMOG IN THE CITY

Erice awaits response to latest charge

BJMP to inspect 'escape-prone' prisons

By DJ Yap

11 injured in mishap in Antipolo

Robbery in Manila leaves man dead; wife, helper hurt



Robots may soon be traffic aides



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Ex-mayor gets 6-9 years

Group seeks 1M signatures

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Vintage bombs found

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Scores injured in Peruvian quake

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Air raids on Qaida bases in Yemen kill 15

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Burma's youth make their voices heard

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US Embassy shelters Americans

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Gulf Arabs have plans vs closure of Hormuz

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The WORLD

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Showdown at UN looms over Syria

UNITED NATIONS—Nations on the UN Security Council braced for a showdown over Syria, with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leading a Western charge to press Russia to back action to stop the violence.

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Violence kills 100

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TRUMP TOWER MANILA

The Philippines' newest architectural marvel

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Artist's rendition of Trump Tower Manila at Century City

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BUSINESS

PH growth seen to pick up in 2012

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Property, holding firms lift stocks

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GDP expansion forecasts range from 3.6% to 4.5%

THE PHILIPPINE economy will likely grow at a faster pace this 2012 from last year's anemic performance as the government's pump-priming could add to the momentum from private consumption and prospective export recovery, according to New York-based think tank Global Source.

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JP Morgan bullish on PH stocks

'Overweight' recommendation on Southeast Asia

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BUSINESS

MNTC all set to link C5, NLEx in ₱7-B infra work

By Paolo G. Montecillo

A NEW ROAD linking North Luzon Expressway (NLEx) to Circumferential Road 5, or C5, will soon be built for the benefit of thousands of Metro Manila motorists, Manila North Tollways Corp. (MNTC) announced this week.

The new road, dubbed segment 8.2 under the company's concession, is part of the ongoing expansion of NLEx, the country's oldest toll road. This road will extend from the newly opened Mindanao Avenue cloverleaf to Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City.

Work on the new road will likely start next year once the acquisition of land by the government to provide right of way for the new road is completed.

"We found that it's easier for us to work on projects already in our concession than on new ones," MNTC president Rodrigo Franco said in an interview. "The potential of that road for us is huge because we will be able to capture the traffic coming from C5," one of Metro Manila's major thoroughfares.

He added that the company would still have to conduct a detailed study for the project, but that the road is estimated to cost P7 billion, with construction expected to be completed by 2015.

Franco said the company would focus on potential projects under its NLEx concession deal with the government.

This includes the so-called Harbor Link Road—segment 9 and 10 under its contract—that will link NLEx to the port area in Manila's Tondo district.

Work on Segment 9 is expected to begin by the third quarter of the 2012.

The company of Manuel V. Pangilinan is also set to open a new interchange in Balagtas, Bulacan, which will ease traffic at the National Road connected to the NLEx Sta. Rita exit.

"The Balagtas exit will be connected to the new Plaridel bypass road built by the DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways)," Franco said.

The company said it would spend P600 million for the new interchange.

According to Franco, the MNTC finds it more sensible to work on portions of NLEx that are already part of the company's concession than to wait for the fate of other projects, several of which are still pending with government regulators, to push through.

MNTC's parent firm, Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., currently has a standing proposal to build a P17-billion elevated toll road that will connect NLEx to the Metro Manila Skyway in Makati.

The proposal is currently being reviewed by the Department of Transportation and Communications to determine the possibility of integrating a high-speed train line in the project.

The rail line that will connect Metro Manila to Clark Freeport is [illegible] key to the planned development of the former US military base into the country's premier international air gateway, replacing Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

PUP HRDM class holds seminar on human resources mission

CALLING ALL FUTURE HR executives! The Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Human Resource Development and Management Class of 4-26 under the College of Business invites you to "HR Mission: Building Confidence Towards Magnifying a Career". A one day seminar on February 8, from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon at Bulwagang Balagtas, Ninoy Aquino Learning Resource Center, Mabini Campus, Sta. Mesa, Manila.

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This event is brought to you by [illegible]

Independent review of oil companies' books begins

IRC to check overpricing, collusion accusations

By Amy R. Remo

Cebu Pacific readies flights beyond region

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Inflation to stay manageable this year, says BSP

By Michelle V. Remo

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St. James the Great Parish, Ayala Alabang
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and St. Jerome Emiliani and Sta. Susana Parish, Alabang

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Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on January 27, 2012

"Even when I walk through a dark valley I fear no harm, for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage."
Psalm 23:4

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

MOTORING

Editor Jorg R. Arnaiz

'It's going to be more fun; bring it on!'

Don't look at us, nor the DOT. That statement came from a lawyer, the new Campi president

By Tessa R. Salazar

WELL, IT'S about time somebody filled her shoes, figuratively, we mean. Auto industry observers have been growing quite impatient waiting for the next move of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) after the sudden exit of Elizabeth Lee's six-year leadership of the country's leading car industry organization.

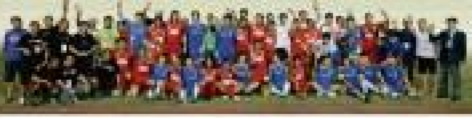
The news is out, the lawyer is in. The one who holds the reins at Campi is Rommel Gutierrez, vice president for Toyota Motor Philippines' corporate affairs.

Inquirer Motoring caught Gutierrez in a



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Unintended sudden acceleration theories

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Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



'It's going to be more fun; bring ...



Parking issues

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A rousing 2011 for Chevrolet PH: sales up 36.4%

By Charles E. Buban

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan

LIFESTYLE *Parenting*



How not to look like a 'losyang' mommy



Audrey Tan-Zubiri

MAMA DIARIES

'Being a mom doesn't have to mean the end of looking good; in fact, it should inspire you to look better!'

HAVE YOU ever had one of those days? You know, when you leave the house without giving a thought to how you look, then suddenly, you run into a fellow mom and you wonder how she manages to look so well put-together all the time?

It's one thing to go to a wedding or a dressy event for which you need to fix your hair and makeup and plan your outfit in advance. It's another to get dolled up just to go to the grocery and bring the kids to school. Who actually does that? By the time you get the kids bathed, fed, clothed and out the door, you're already too late.

And since you'll be out for "just this one quick thing" anyway, you close the door and step out, in denial of the fact that this one errand could lead to five more and you will run into someone inevitably.

I turned to some great moms I know who manage to care both for their families and themselves, and came up with some handy tips!

1. Concealer and color.

One of my dear friends, Nikole Schuller-Lopez, always looks bright-eyed and fresh no matter what. She is busy with a toddler, a preschooler, teaching and the completion of her master's degree in child psychology, yet every time I see her, there's never a trace of stress on her face.

The magic formula for a fresh look? Concealer and lipstick. "You don't have to pile on the makeup, especially since the eyes are usually the main tell-

HOW NOT/C2







GOV. L-RAY Villafuerte and wife Lara with Albert Martinez



PINKY Diaz, Gigging Garcia and Ching Cruz



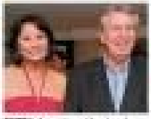
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JAIME Pineda, Tina C. and Enzo Pineda



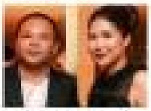
UNSTOPPABLE guests of honor included Vice President Jejomar Binay, former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Sulô Riviera's Tina Cuevas, Ambassador Feliciano Cuevas, Dr. Loi Ejercito Estrada, Ching Cruz and Sen. Jinggoy Estrada



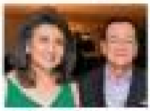
TETTA Agustin and husband Christian [illegible]



RUBY Roa and Leo Espinosa



KITO Lopez and Pam Gonzales



MAAYTESS Mendoza Pineda and Sening Pineda

Welcome, Sulô Riviera!

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Mayenne Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by [illegible] MAC [illegible]

THE OLD SULÔ Hotel has been renovated as Sulô Riviera, a boutique hotel with elegance, sophistication, and unparalleled taste in uptown Quezon City, dahlings.

The new hotel now carries "a [illegible] that will truly redefine every guest's experience," explained Cristina Cuevas, executive director of Sulô, during the launch of the boutique hotel which was held along with the birthday of the Cuevas family patriarch, Ambassador Feliciano Cuevas.

Bringing more drama and fun to the opening ceremonies were the fire breathers and pole dancers that welcomed the rest of invitees at the driveway. The hotel staff gave us a tour of the hotel, starting at Sulô's cozy [illegible] Lounge, while other guests stayed by the pool where there was cool chill-out music at [illegible] Lounge, dahlings.

As always, the grand highlight was the ceremonial toast led by former President Joseph Estrada, who was joined by Vice President Jejomar Binay, Miss World 2011 1st Princess Gwendolyn Ruais and glamorous Ching Cruz, a close pal of the Cuevases.

One popular politician remarked, "I feel like I'm turning back the hands of time looking at all the faces I knew in the [illegible] days," he said laughing.

The new boutique hotel has 71 awesome Superior and Deluxe rooms and suites. Each room boasts of unparalleled modern American influenced by exotic Malaysian elements. "It has contemporary designs that is uniquely Filipino in every aspect," explained Cristina C. to moi, dahlings.

Check it out, pelanggas, and make Sulô Riviera your home away from home.

The Sulô Riviera is at Matalino Road, Diliman, QC. For inquiries and reservations, call [illegible]; visit [illegible].

Birthday bashes at Circles

My advance birthday celebration was celebrated at Makati Shangri-La, along with belated birthday bashes of my darling pals Carla Reyes Tengco and international jeweler Linda Oledan, no less.

The charming hotel GM Rene Klasner was the perfect host at the hotel's popular Circles Event Café. Every dish on the buffet table was served fresh, expertly done by Circles executive chef [illegible], no less.

The service was perfect, thanks to the director for food and beverage, Holger Glaser.

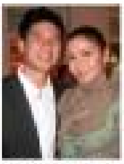
In the end, the three sinful [illegible] cakes were presented to the three celebrators as one surprise that totally completed our fun celebration.

It was a fabulous celebration that only Makati Shangri-La could truly deliver, [illegible]. There were no weight-watching, but oh well, it was totally worth it! For a happening like this we can only wish that our birthdays come more than once a year, but thank goodness it doesn't, di ba?

Circles Event Café is at G/F, Makati Shangri-La. Tel. [illegible]; e-mail [illegible]. Contact us and the hotel's super cool communications director [illegible], dahlings.



IVAN Avanzo, Lulu Espiritu, Joey Samson, Melanie Cuevas and Jo Ann Bitagcol



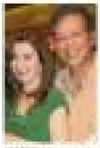
NEWLYWEDS Paolo and Rissa Mananquil Trillo



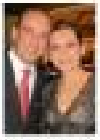
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VICKY Fernandez Z. and Gov. Joa Zubiri



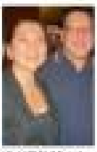
MARYI Mascot and Johnny Velasquez



MAKATI Shangri-La's director of Food and Beverage Holger Glaser and wife Alexa



LIA VALENCIA, Linda Oledan and Bibing Villanueva



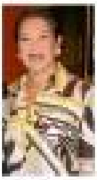
LIL ANTONIO and Mar Capistrano



THE THREE celebrators: Linda Oledan, moi and Carla Reyes Tengco



PEPITO Albert, Anton Mendoza and Al Tengco



KAREN Santos



THE KLASERS Amalia Frankalo, Margarete Klasner, Makati Shangri-La's Area GM Rene Klasner and Alexander Klasner



Smart–Nokia N9

Hey, pelanggas, play with the hip new Nokia N9, natch!

"Smart, stylish and ultra modern, the Nokia N9 is designed to give fast access to the most important things people do with a phone nowadays: stay up to date with notifications and connect within different social networks, and switch between activities through simple gestures—a swipe," explained Nokia and Smart Communications' senior marketing manager Louie Ang.

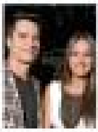
The breakthrough made its grand entrance at the posh Prive Club, at The Fort, with Nokia Philippines product manager Mike Smith, Jessica Perez and Louie Ang heading the list of personalities.

The event got on a fast roll with the superb hosting of Sam YG, Tony Toni and Mo of Magic 89.9.

The beautiful and handsome were all present and accounted for, dahlings.

Among the guest faces present were Karylle, Paolo Bediones, Leila Chikiamco and [illegible] of TV5; Bryan [illegible], Ginger Conejero, Cesca Litton, Nicole Hernandez, Ara Bull and [illegible], brothers [illegible], gorgeous Aubrey Miles, [illegible], Rob Reyes, [illegible] and other new faces like the rest of the guests, dahlings.

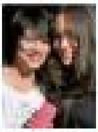
Nokia N9 is available in black, cyan and magenta. You may get it free at Smart's unlimited Data Plan 2000 (16GB) and 3000 (64GB) and all-in plan 2000 (16GB). Nokia N9 (64GB) at all-in plan 2000 with P1,200 cash out.



TROY Montero and Aubrey Miles



ALTHANNA Martinez and gift boxes



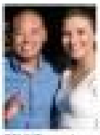
JENNI Epperson and daughter Arjuana



MIA BAYUGA and Sam YG



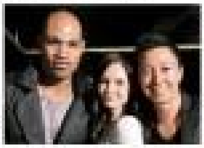
CESCA Litton and Ginger Conejero



TONY Toni and Karylle



KAREN Pamintuan, Nicole Hernandez, SMART Communications' senior marketing manager Louie Ang and Nokia Philippines product manager Mike Smith



LANDRY Reyes, Marie Digby and Jeff Bascon

How not to look like a 'losyang' mommy







2. Wear the right fit.

3. Tuck it and cinch it.

4. Basic grooming

5. Hairstyle

6. Soft-set curls/ blow-out/haircut

7. Bling it on!

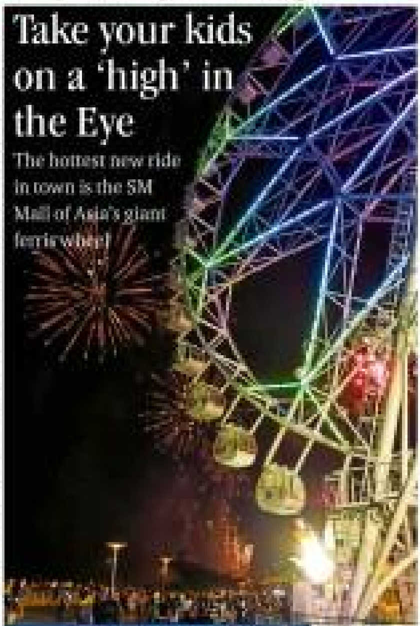
8. Pop of color

9. Flat heels

10. Attitude

Take your kids on a 'high' in the Eye

The hottest new ride in town is the SM Mall of Asia's giant ferriswheel



By PJ Enriquez
Contributor

IF YOU are looking for somewhere exciting to take your family, you don't have to look farther than the newest ride at the Amusement Park in SM Mall of Asia (MOA)—the MOA Eye, better known as the giant ferris wheel along the boardwalk behind MOA.



THE MOA Eye is the latest addition to the ever-growing number of attractions and rides in SM Mall of Asia's Amusement Park.

Chinese New Year celebrated at SM North

SM CITY North Edsa welcomes the Year of the Water Dragon with iconic Chinese symbols bringing luck and good fortune around the mall. The exhibits will be on display at the mall until Feb. 5.





THE DRAGON dance is an integral element of the Chinese New Year.



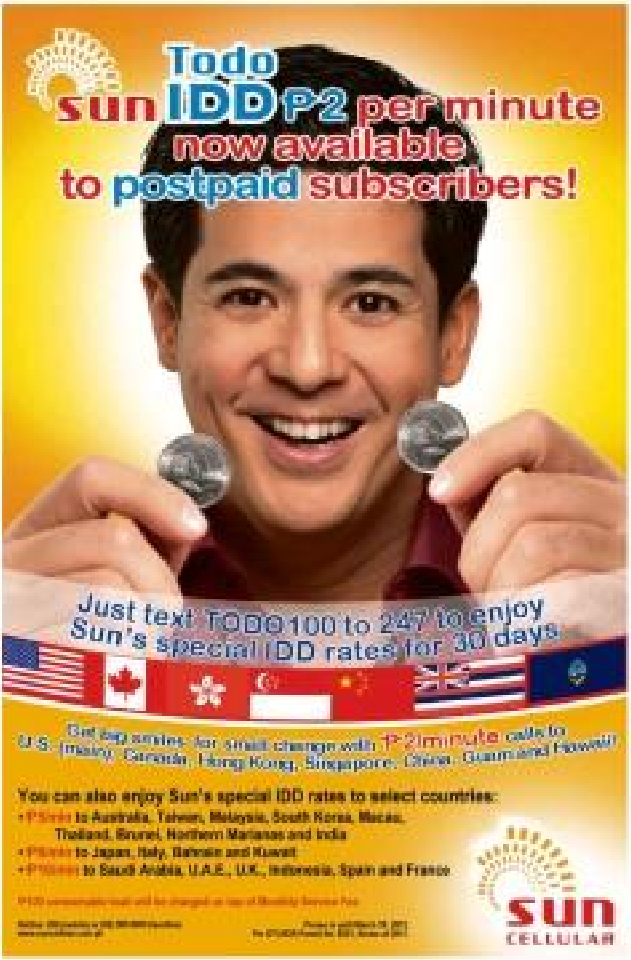




LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining



CARLOS Arnaiz





Carlos Arnaiz, who's also designing the Boracay airport, uses fresh eyes to keep from repeating himself

Fil-Am architect designing 2,000-seat Cebu Church—something that's never been seen

STYLE IS one word Carlos Arnaiz, a Filipino-American architect based in New York, tends to avoid when asked to describe what sets him apart from fellow practitioners. And he has a good reason to do so.

Arnaiz was in Manila recently to oversee projects. They include the Shrine of Mary, a Catholic church to rise in a reclaimed area in Cebu, and the new and bigger Boracay International Airport, a public-private partnership between the national government and San Miguel Corp.

"What I try to do is produce something that hasn't been seen before," he said. "Sometimes, I hope it's something that I haven't seen before."

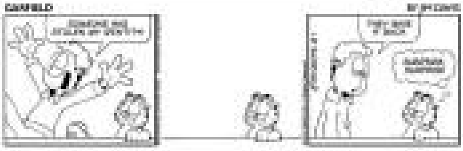
To achieve this, he and his team rely more on methodology. His "research-based" approach to doing projects inspires him to focus more on their context as well as clients' needs and issues that need to be addressed.

"People like to say that architecture is an art," said Arnaiz, a product of Xavier





GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



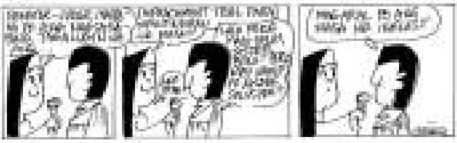
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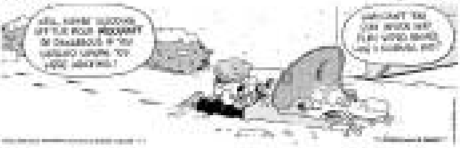
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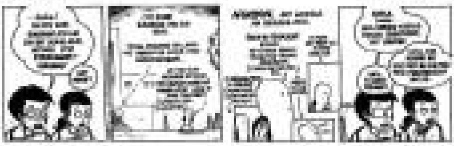
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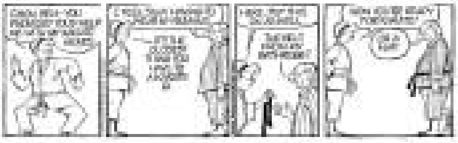
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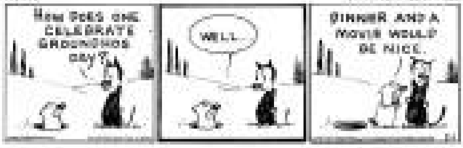
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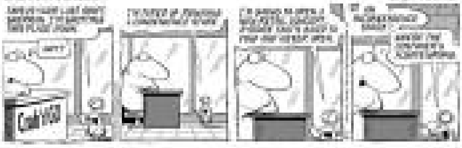
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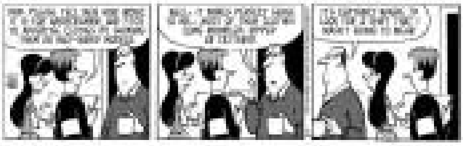
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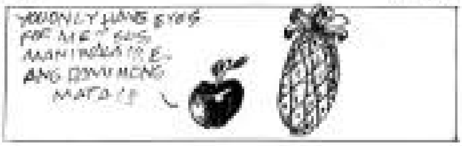


SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



DUSTIN — BY STEVE KELLEY AND JEFF PARKER





HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

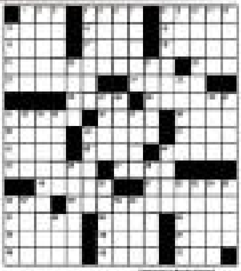
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Fil-Am architect designing 2,000-seat Cebu Church—something that's never been seen









NEW YORK-BASED Filipino architect Carlo Amaiz



Master plan

Permutations

Pasig makes a bold move

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Linda B. Bolido

Conference on consumerism

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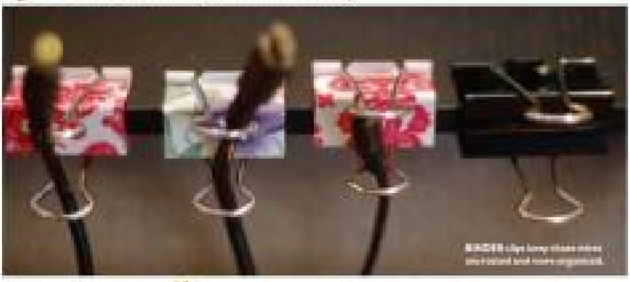
Organize your wires and cables

Anton Barretto and Marissa Lopa



DO-IT-YOURSELF

With all the chargers we need nowadays for our gadgets, here's a simple way to keep things neat



WITH ALL the gadgets we've got working for us, we're now saddled with all kinds of chargers that can make for an unruly collection. Here's one economical and simple way to get those wires untangled and more organized.

D.I.Y.

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Decorative stickers, bought or custom printed from your computer

Museum conference tackles children and climate change

WHAT'S UP

Culture camp

Flower arrangement seminar



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Editor Ramon S. Velardo

Singing cops, soldiers

Huge appetite lands celeb in hospital twice

By the Entertainment Staff



Distorted figure

RUSHES



Foul-mouthed beauty

Know-it-all

Another defection?

Top of the Talk Shows



CARLA Abellana: Nothing's final

'The Help' major SAG awards winner

'Jean of the Moon'

Hot at 90



CHRISTOPHER Plummer: An Oscar next?



JEAN Dujardin: Dream come true



OCTAVIA Spencer: On a roll



VIOLA Davis sheds light on racism.

Spotty record

US-trained Pinoy actor joins 'Bourne Legacy' cast

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



ANDRE Tiangco in "Macbeth"

Hollywood stop

High expectations

Opening This Week



Id'Nai (Mapusok)

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo

The Grey



ELIZABETH Banks and Jamie Bell in "Man on a Ledge"

The Devil Inside

Man on a Ledge

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island

Chronicle

Pinoy teen wins in Manhattan fest

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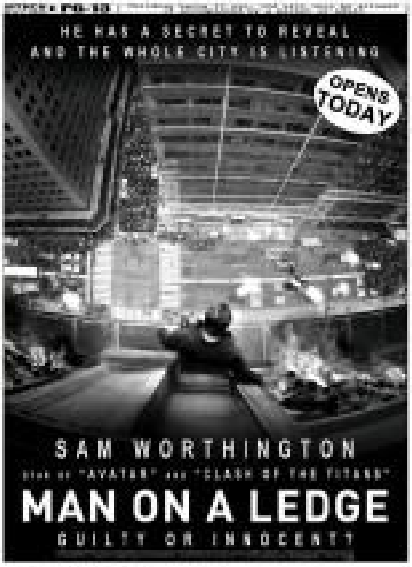
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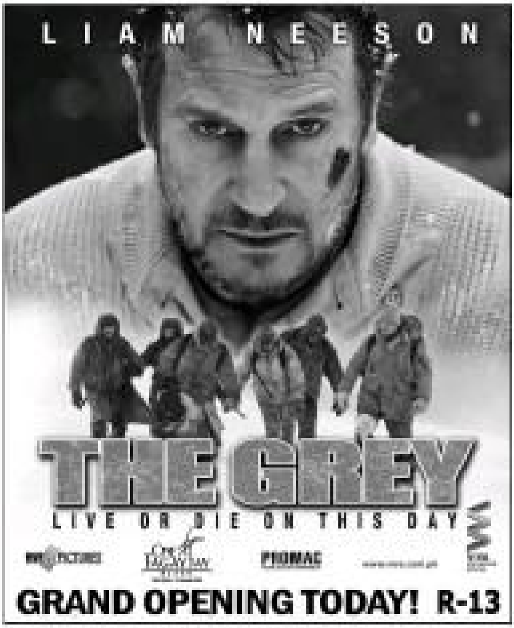


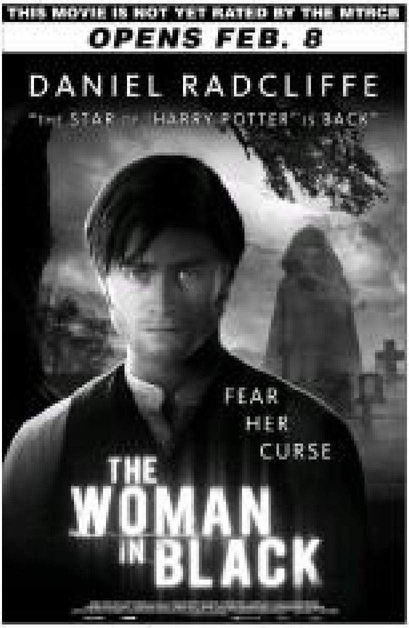












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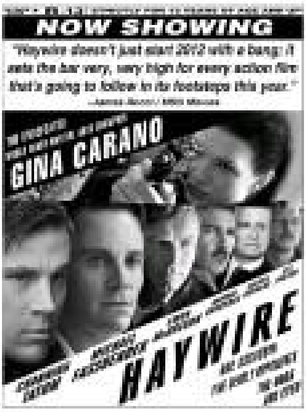


SAM Milby: "Where did I go wrong?"

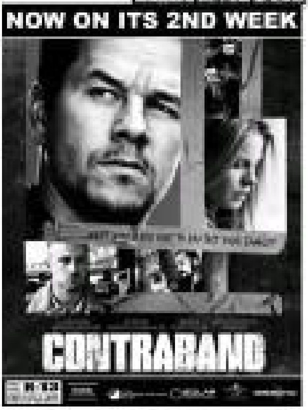


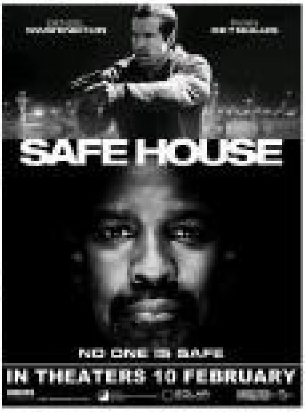




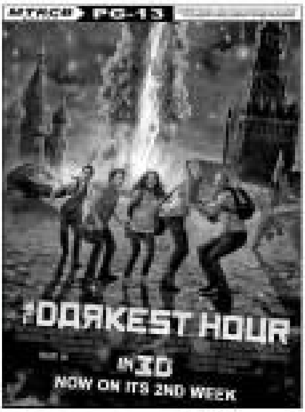


















Sweet things celebs do for their partners

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal



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Musical series

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Charity show

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